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re: **Third NATO-Advanced Study Institute on Angiogenesis in 1995**

Dear Dr. Hashim,

On behalf of the Scientific Directors, Drs. Michael E. Maragoudakis, Pietro Gullino and myself, I would firstly like to thank you for your generous support of last year's second NATO-Advanced Study Institute on Angiogenesis. Your generosity was very much appreciated and, as you can see from the enclosure, is also acknowledged in the proceedings of the meeting. Secondly, I would like to invite you to participate in the ***Third NATO-Advanced Study Institute on Angiogenesis*** to be held from June 16-27, 1995 in Porto Carras, Greece by sending a representative of your institution and by helping us defray some of the ensuing costs.

Encouraged by the favorable comments received for our previous two international meetings in 1991 and 1993, we are organizing the Third NATO-Advanced Study Institute on Angiogenesis in 1995. Last year, when we approached you about contributing to the second NATO ASI on Angiogenesis, you expressed interest in participating/supporting the next conference in this series. This time we would like to approach you in this early stage of planning.
Being familiar with your institution's ongoing involvement in vascular biology/angiogenesis research, and based on your past correspondence, **we would appreciate it if you could commit your continued support for this conference by including a generous contribution into your 1995 budget and then making these funds available to the conference during the next fiscal year.**

As you can see from the enclosures, these conferences have by now become established with a tradition of excellence: The first two meetings were scientifically extraordinarily rewarding; the proceedings, promptly published by Plenum Press, continue to be a valuable source of state-of-the-art information on basic and applied aspects of this rapidly expanding clinically and also pharmaceutically important field of angiogenesis. Moreover, these interdisciplinary meetings provide the forum for young scientists to present and discuss their work in a less formal setting than conventionally encountered in larger, specialized meetings.

So far we have assembled an outstanding rostrum of confirmed speakers (see enclosures), who are leaders in the field and will cover a broad spectrum of research activities from basic science to clinical and biotechnological aspects of angiogenesis. In recognition of the tremendous clinical/pharmaceutical potential of angiogenesis, we plan to include a special session, which would give the participants from industry a possibility to present their own basic and application-oriented studies.

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Based on our past experience, we anticipate that this NATO-ASI will yield valuable new insights and future directions of angiogenesis research. Personal contacts during the meeting will certainly foster new constructive collaborations, nationally as well as internationally.

As in the past we can expect that some, but not all of the funds for this conference will be provided through the Scientific Affairs Division of NATO. Indeed, the NATO contribution amounts to only a fraction (ca. 1/3) of the total costs for such a conference and is restricted to supporting a few speakers and providing financial aid to some of the younger students/researchers. The estimated costs for bringing in the invited speakers amounts to approx. $2,500 ($1,500 for travel and $1,000 for living expenses).

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could support this conference by contributing to the expenses for one or more of the speakers and/or students. As in the past, the contributions of all major co-sponsors will be acknowledged in the book of abstracts and in the book to be published by Plenum Press (see enclosure).

As to the venue of this meeting, the conference will take place in a very fine seaside resort hotel (Porto Carras) in the Chalkidiki area, which is one of the most scenic and beautiful areas of Greece. The hotel is conveniently located near the famous city of Saloniki. The Saloniki airport provides for direct connections to many European cities. Mount Athos with its historic monasteries and other places of archaeological interest, such as the tombs of the Macedonian kings are also close by. Thus the conference venue is ideal for scientific gatherings paired with family vacations.

As always, this meeting is limited by NATO regulation to about 100 participants including the speakers. Past experience has shown that these meetings are fairly rapidly booked, therefore early application for registration is strongly recommended.

Thank you very much for your consideration and your speedy reply. We count on your generous support and are looking forward to your participation.

Sincerely yours,

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encl.: Prefatory pages from the proceedings of the 2nd NATO-ASI Angiogenesis book to be published by Plenum Press in August 1994.
Preliminary Program, List of Speakers for the Third-NATO-ASI on Angiogenesis in 1995.

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